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Work and Workers.

PROFESSOR GASTON MASPERO is now actively at work on excavations in Egypt under the auspices of the French government.

THE archæological world has recently lost one of its most enthusiastic workers in the death of M. E. D. Sarzec, whose discoveries at Tello since 1878 have been of such marked value.

MR. J. B. STEVENSON, the translator of Dillmann's *Genesis*, has received an appointment as instructor in the Hebrew and the Old Testament department at the Theological College at Bala, Wales.

PROFESSOR FLINDERS PETRIE has recently delivered two valuable lectures at the University College, London, on his latest discoveries in Egypt. They were illustrated by stereopticon pictures of the various objects secured in the finds.

THE Protestant theological faculty of the University of Paris has recently suffered a loss of two of its members. Last year Professor Samuel Berger, whose work on the Vulgate is especially valuable, passed away, and in April of this year the dean of the faculty, Professor Auguste Sabatier, laid down his work. Brief sketches of the lives of these two men, with portraits of them, may be seen in an article in the *BIBLICAL WORLD* of January, 1899.

TWO AMERICAN scholars have received eminent recognition in Great Britain recently. Professor Charles A. Briggs and Professor Francis Brown, both of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, were honored with the degree of doctor of divinity from the University of Glasgow on June 13, and with that of doctor of letters from the University of Oxford on June 20 last, in recognition of their contributions to biblical and philological learning.

At the ninth jubilee of the University of Glasgow, which was held June 12-15, a number of notable scholars were given honorary degrees. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon Professor T. K. Abbott, of Dublin; Professor T. K. Cheyne, of Oxford; Professor S. R. Driver, of Oxford; Professor A. B. Davidson, of Edinburgh; Professor H. B. Swete, of Cambridge; and Professor Caspar René Gregory, of Leipzig. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Principal

G. C. M. Douglas, of the Free Church College, Glasgow; Professor Edouard Naville, the Egyptian excavator; and Professor Carl Bezold, the Assyriological scholar of the University of Heidelberg.

WE have received a copy of a small volume entitled *Junior Bible Lessons*, containing Lessons 1-26 upon the "Patriarchs." The author is Rev. William J. Mutch, Ph.D., of New Haven, Conn., who has previously published several important helps to Bible teaching in the Sunday school. The work is a successful effort to treat the narratives of Genesis in a way which will be helpful and not confusing to the children. It aims to treat the Bible material in accordance with the best principles of education, and with a view to character-building. To the increasing number of those who are interested in improved lesson material this book can be heartily commended, and we would bespeak for it a trial in many schools in order that its good qualities may be put to the test.

REV. LOUIS H. JORDAN, B.D., reports from Berlin that the long-delayed reconstruction and enlargement of the university buildings is now about to begin. As a first step, necessitated by the still increasing number of students, a large auditorium is to be constructed forthwith in the rear of the present main buildings. This is intended to furnish only temporary accommodation; but that accommodation is now absolutely required, and must be provided in time to be of service during the approaching winter semester. It is felt, however, that the university is no longer worthily housed, and that in this particular Leipzig has been allowed to steal a march upon Berlin. Various sites are talked of, but in the meantime nothing definite can be learned from any authoritative source. The emperor is known to have a grand project under consideration, but those who are his advisers are compelled to keep the substance of their conferences a profound secret. It is beginning to be asked whether the new scheme will embrace a university church—the lack of which, especially in the capital of the empire, has often aroused comment.

THE readers of the BIBLICAL WORLD will doubtless be interested to learn that the University of Chicago announces that during the winter quarter of 1902 (January to March) a class of theological students will be formed for study in Palestine. This class will be limited to twenty persons, and will be under the direction of Professor Shailer Mathews, junior dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. It will sail from New York about the middle of December,

1901, and, returning, arrive in New York during the early part of April, 1902. At least seven weeks will be spent in Palestine. During this time courses will be conducted by Professor Mathews in the "Historical Geography of Palestine" and the "Life of Jesus." Especial attention will be given to original work on the part of the students in the illustrative interpretation of the Bible. Every possible opportunity will be afforded for seeing the historical sites of Palestine on both sides of the Jordan.

The class will visit *en route* Cairo, Smyrna, and Ephesus, Athens, Rome, and Naples. During four weeks the class will make Jerusalem its headquarters, making several excursions weekly to points of interest. Two weeks will be devoted to a camping trip in Samaria, Galilee, and the Decapolis. Damascus and Baalbek will be visited from Beyrout.

Members of this class will register as students in the University of Chicago, and will be given university credit for work done by them, as if in residence at the university. In preparation for the work of the class each member will be furnished with a printed syllabus, giving an outline of the courses of lectures to be given, the topics for the work of the students, and a select bibliography upon the cities and countries to be visited. The expenses for the entire trip of approximately four months will be \$700. This charge covers a first-class passage on the North German Lloyd and other steamers, first and second-class on railway, as well as all other traveling expenses, from New York to New York, except fees for personal services. The University will return to the members of the class any balance that may remain after payment of these expenses.